

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring restriction in the above-identified application as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-13, drawn to a toner;
Group II: Claims 14-16, drawn to an imaging process; and
Group III: Claims 17-18, drawn to a process cartridge and apparatus.

Applicants have elected Group I: Claims 1-13, for further prosecution.

Applicants note that MPEP §821.04 states:

If the Applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined.

Applicants respectfully submit that should the elected Group be found allowable, the non-elected process claims should be rejoined.

Applicants submit this application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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